

Claim 55, line 2, change "one of claims 52 to 54" to read -- claim 52 -- ;

Claim 56, line 2, change "one of claims 52 to 55" to read -- claim 52 -- ;

N.E. **Claim 53**, line 2, change "either of claims 56 and 57" to read -- claim 56 -- ;

Claim 59, line 2, change "one of claims 52 to 58" to read -- claim 52 -- .

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The applicants respectfully request that this **Amendment** be entered prior to examination. **Claims 6, 12, 25, 27, 29, 33, 42, 45, 55-56 and 58-59** have been amended to refer to only one preceding claim. Support for **amended claim 24** can be found in the original claim 3; **amended claim 32** in the original claim 24; **amended claim 40** in original claim 2; **amended claim 41** in original claim 33; **amended claim 43** in original claim 34; **amended claim 44** in original claim 42; **amended claim 49** in original claim 34; **amended claim 50** in original claim 43; **amended claim 51** in original claim 34 and **amended claim 53** can be found in the original claim 51. Each of the dependent claims, as amended, now depends on only one preceding claim. Therefore no additional fee is required for multiple dependency.

Prompt, favorable action is solicited.

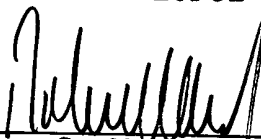
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